

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 13, 16-17, and 19-27 are pending in this application, with claim 13 being the only independent claim. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

Independent claim 13 is amended to recite “said motor comprising one of a spring, an electric attraction magnet, or a rotary motor acting on said levers”. Support for these limitations is found at page 3, lines 14-22 of the original application. New claims 25-27 are added to specifically recite various types of motors which can be used. Support for the new claims is also found at page 3, lines 14-22.

Rejection of the Claims under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,481,882 (Rudolph) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,098,542 (Dufour).

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Rudolph in view of Dufour and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,286,622 (Mestre).

Claims 22 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Rudolph in view of Dufour and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,222,325 (Edwards).

Independent claim 13 now specifically recites “a motor operatively arranged for pivoting said applicator roll such that applicator roll is pivotable to a thrown-on position against the form cylinder of the rotary press with a controlled throwing-on force by said motor” and “said motor comprising one of a spring, an electric attraction magnet, or a rotary motor acting on said levers”.

Neither Rudolph nor Dufour discloses, teaches or suggests “a motor operatively arranged for pivoting said applicator roll”, “said motor comprising one of a spring, an electric attraction magnet, or a rotary motor acting on said levers”.

Rudolph discloses a device for adjusting ink or moisture application rolls having cylinder units arranged for rotating eccentrics 10 to move feeding roll 7 and application roll 3 into contact (see col. 4, lines 15-30 of Rudolph). Accordingly to Rudolph, the cylinder units are supplied with air and are thus pneumatic cylinder units. Accordingly, there is no teaching or suggestion for “a motor operatively arranged for pivoting said applicator roll”, the motor “comprising one of a spring, an electric attraction magnet, or a rotary motor acting on said levers”, as now recited in independent claim 13.

Dufour fails to teach or suggest what Rudolph lacks. Dufour relates to a device and method for force loading a rubber blanket roller in a printing press. More specifically, Dufour relates to force loading a rubber blanket roller in an inker or dampener of a printing press (see col. 1, lines 7-10 and lines 38-44). Furthermore, Dufour discloses two cylinders are connected by hydraulic cylinders $H_{A/B}$ and $H_{B/C}$ connected between the rotating axes of the cylinders. Since Dufour discloses that rollers are force loaded using hydraulic cylinders, Dufour also fails to teach or suggest “a motor operatively arranged for pivoting said applicator roll”, the motor “comprising one of a spring, an electric attraction magnet, or a rotary motor acting on said levers”, as now recited in independent claim 13.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, independent claim 13 is deemed to be allowable over Rudolph in view of Dufour.

Dependent claims 16-17 and 19-27 are allowable for at least the same reasons as is independent claim 13, as well as for the additional recitations contained therein.

New claims 25-27 specifically recite the different types of motors used to urge the applicator roll against the form cylinder with a controlled force. None of the prior art or record discloses such motors for urging the applicator roll against the form cylinder. Accordingly, new claims 25-27 are also allowable for these additional reasons.

The application is deemed to be condition for allowance and notice to that effect is solicited.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any additional fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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